

SUMMARY OF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF SEAFARERS CONDUCTED BY APPROVED DOCTORS 1 January – 31 December 2006

Required in accordance with Regulation 12(b) of the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Regulations 2002

1. SUMMARY OF APPROVED DOCTORS' DECISIONS

Fitness Cat.	Result	Validity Period	Form Issued	Number Issued
Cat 1	UNRESTRICTED	2 years	ENG 1	30447
	UNRESTRICTED	Less than 2 years – non medical reasons e.g. under 18 years	ENG 1	519
	UNRESTRICTED - U (TL)	Less than 2 years – medical reasons	ENG 1	2670
Cat 2	RESTRICTED - R	2 years	ENG 1 + ENG 3	783
	RESTRICTED - R (TL)	Less than 2 years – medical reasons	ENG 1 + ENG 3	934
Cat 3	TEMPORARILY UNFIT*- TU	Any	ENG 3	515
Cat 4	FAILURE - F	Permanent	ENG 3	188
No. of Returns entered = 247		TOTAL No. OF EXAMINATIONS		36056

2 ANNUAL COMPARISON OF EXAMINATIONS AND MEDICAL REVIEWS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total no. of examinations	24987	26458	28606	31660	31388	35104	36056
Cases referred to medical referees	68	87	91	71	63	70	80

3. ANALYSIS OF REFEREES' DECISIONS ON APPEAL CASES

Medical Category	AD's Decision Upheld	AD's Decision changed	Cases awaiting decision	Cases withdrawn	TOTAL
Endocrine and metabolic	5	6	2	2	15
Blood disorders	0	0	0	0	0
Mental disorders	3	5	0	0	8
Diseases of the nervous system	1	4	1	1	7
Cardio-vascular system	1	14	1	1	17
Respiratory system	2	5	1	0	8
Digestive system	0	0	0	0	0
Genito-urinary conditions	0	0	0	0	0
Musculo-skeletal	0	0	1	0	1
Sensory	4	9	2	1	16
General	2	2	0	4	8
Physical fitness	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	18	45	8	9	80

Key: U(TL) – Unrestricted (less than 2 years) R- Restricted (2 years); R(TL) - Restricted (less than 2 years)
 F- Failed; TU – Temporarily Unfit

Ref No	Condition	U(TL)	R	R(TL)	F	TU
1.0	INFECTIONS					
1.1	Gastro intestinal infection	1	0	0	0	0
1.2	Other infection	2	1	0	1	1
1.3	Pulmonary TB	2	0	0	2	0
1.4	Sexually transmissible diseases	0	1	0	0	0
1.5	HIV +	0	0	0	0	0
2.0	CANCERS					
2.1	Malignant neoplasms	48	7	21	7	5
3.0	ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC					
3.1	Endocrine disease	11	2	9	3	5
3.2	Diabetes – non insulin	202	24	87	1	36
3.3	Diabetes - insulin using	4	16	31	6	6
3.4	Obesity / abnormal body mass	992	35	192	8	75
4.0	BLOOD DISORDERS					
4.1	Blood-forming organs	6	1	3	0	1
4.2	Anaemia	0	2	1	0	0
4.3	Splenectomy (history of surgery)	0	3	0	0	1
5.0	MENTAL DISORDERS					
5.1	Psychosis (acute)	0	0	0	4	3
5.2	Alcohol abuse (dependency)	30	0	5	3	13
5.3	Drug dependence / persistent substance abuse	3	1	2	3	1
5.4	Neurosis e.g anxiety state, depression	33	0	17	5	13
6.0	DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM					
6.1	Organic nervous disease e.g multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease	6	1	2	3	4
6.2	Epilepsy	0	10	6	7	6
6.3	Cranial surgery	0	3	2	1	0
6.4	Migraine (frequent attacks causing incapacity)	2	1	1	0	3

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6.5	Syncope	4	0	3	0	2
6.6	Meniere's disease	5	0	0	0	1
7.0	CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM					
7.1	Heart – congenital heart disease	7	1	2	2	2
7.2	Hypertension	983	40	174	13	106
7.3	Cardiac event	38	26	68	9	10
7.4	Cardiac arrhythmias	13	6	22	8	19
7.5	Other heart disease	41	17	26	16	14
7.6	Ischaemic cerebrovascular disease	5	3	8	4	3
7.7	Arterial – claudication	5	0	6	0	3
7.8	Varicose veins	12	2	5	0	2
7.9	Deep vein thrombosis / pulmonary embolus	3	0	0	2	3
7.10	Piles	0	2	1	0	1
8.0	RESPIRATORY SYSTEM					
8.1	Sinusitis / nasal obstruction	0	0	0	1	0
8.2	Throat infections	0	0	0	0	0
8.3	Chronic bronchitis and /or emphysema	22	1	6	4	3
8.4	Asthma	23	65	30	4	6
8.5	Pneumothorax	1	0	0	2	1
9.0	DIGESTIVE SYSTEM					
9.1	Diseases of the mouth and teeth	40	8	23	1	23
9.2	Peptic ulcer	7	2	2	0	1
9.3	Recurrent attacks of appendicitis	1	0	0	0	1
9.4	Non infectious enteritis, colitis, diverticulitis etc.	9	5	12	1	4
9.5	Stoma	1	4	0	0	0
9.6	Cirrhosis of liver	1	0	4	0	3
9.7	Biliary tract disease	2	0	1	0	1
9.8	Pancreatitis	0	1	2	1	0

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10.0	GENITO-URINARY CONDITIONS					
10.1	Proteinuria, glycosuria, or other urinary abnormality	113	4	26	3	63
10.2	Acute nephritis	0	0	0	0	0
10.3	Sub acute or chronic nephritis or nephrosis	5	3	3	1	0
10.4	Acute urinary infection	1	0	0	0	4
10.5	Renal or ureteric calculus	4	9	3	0	2
10.6	Prostatic enlargement/urinary obstruction	3	4	4	0	4
10.7	Removal of kidney	3	2	1	2	0
10.8	Incontinence of urine	0	0	0	0	0
10.9	Gynaecological conditions	0	0	2	0	2
11.0	PREGNANCY					
11.1	Pregnancy	1	0	40	0	2
12.0	SKIN					
12.1	Skin infections	1	0	5	0	3
12.2	Other skin diseases eg eczema, dermatitis, psoriasis	10	2	4	0	1
13.0	MUSCULO-SKELETAL					
13.1	Joint diseases and joint replacement	38	14	25	20	27
13.2	Recurrent instability of shoulder or knee joints	13	2	3	1	4
13.3	Limb prosthesis	0	1	0	0	0
13.4	Back pain	8	5	6	12	7
13.5	Hernia	15	3	7	0	28
14.0	SENSORY					
14.1	Speech defect	0	0	2	0	0
14.2	Otitis – externa and media	4	0	0	0	4
14.3	Deafness	36	17	11	14	6
14.4	Eyesight – Visual acuity	21	159	32	16	24
	Colour vision	2	305	38	14	13
	Other sight problems	16	11	6	1	3

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15.0	GENERAL					
15.1	Prescribed medication	20	2	5	1	2
15.2	Transplants – kidney, heart, lung, liver	0	0	0	0	0
15.3	Conditions not specifically listed	40	8	36	9	20
15.4	Progressive conditions	4	0	2	1	1
16.0	PHYSICAL FITNESS					
16.0	Physical fitness (Ref Appendix 2 to Annex B)	148	2	14	2	12

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